



EXHIBIT I

Docket No. ORT-1596

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : TenHuisen et al.  
Serial No. : 10/103,087  
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Title : IMMUNE MODULATION DEVICE FOR USE IN ANIMALS  
Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner :

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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LETTER

Dear Sir:

As a part of the preparation of the provisional application Serial Number 60/290,542 from which this application claims priority, I investigated the inventorship of the claimed invention. From my investigation I determined that Messieurs Ten Huisen, Rosenblatt and Koyfman were the inventors of the invention claimed in provisional patent application 60/290,542 assigned to Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Pursuant to a contractual obligation, this application was supplied in confidence to a party to a research agreement for review. The party's attorney, Laura Coruzzi of Pennie & Edmonds, alleged that Anthony Cerami, Carla Cerami, and Qiao-Wen Xie were joint inventors. In view of this allegation I had the inventorship of this application investigated again and no facts were found that would support the allegation that Anthony Cerami, Carla Cerami, or Qiao-Wen Xie (Cerami et al.) are joint inventors of the inventions claimed in the provisional patent application or for that matter the present patent application. The Cerami et al's counsel, when

repeatedly asked to substantiate that allegation, failed to provide any facts or provide any corroborated evidence to substantiate that claim. Therefore, I had no information that would support changing the inventorship of the provisional application 60/290,542 or the above-identified application, which claims priority from the provisional application. Consequently, the originally named inventors in the provisional patent application have been named as the only inventors of the above-identified application.

Subsequently, it has come to my attention that Pennie & Edmonds has filed a copy (with a few minor changes) of the provisional application Serial No. 60/290,542 in the U.S. Patent Office as a non-provisional patent application 10/017,457 claiming benefit of Attorney Docket No. ORT-1295 (Serial No. 60/290,542).

Ms. Coruzzi and Mr. Ryan do not have authority to represent Messieurs TenHuisen, Rosenblatt or Koyfman and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is under no obligation to assign its rights to the inventions described in the above application to the Ceramis et al.

Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc. has not granted Cerami et al. the right to claim priority from provisional patent application Docket No. ORT-1295 (Serial No. 60/290,542).

Respectfully submitted,

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